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**Statement by H. E. Mr. Sirodjidin Aslov  
Permanent Representative of Tajikistan  
to the United Nations  
at the opening of art-exhibition of tajik-persian artists  
dedicated to the 1150<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the birth of Aby Abdullah Rudaki  
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Excellencies,  
Ms. Deputy Secretary-General of United Nations,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the UN Missions of Afghanistan, Iran and Tajikistan, I would like to extend to you our sincere appreciation for participation in the Opening ceremony of the Arts Exhibition dedicated to the celebration of the 1150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Abu Abdullah RUDAKI, the founder of the Persian/Tajik/Dari literature.

I would like to introduce to you our three artists, whose paintings are on display today: Mr. Faridun Negmat-Zade and Mr. Leonid Khushvakhtov from Tajikistan, and Mr. Muhammad Nosiripur from Iran.

Their paintings speak volume about the rich heritage of our people's history. Among these, of particular interest, are the portraits of Rudaki and other renowned poets and philosophers, representatives of our literature and history, such as Omar Khayam, Djami, Saadi, and Rumi.

Here you can see some models of the musical instruments that outstanding poets of that epoch, Rudaki among them, used to play while reciting their poetry.

I would like to draw your attention to certain artistic items made from semi-precious stones. These mosaics and arabesques have been created today, by our contemporary

artists and craftsmen, who were inspired by the subjects of our ancient history, and the landscape and architecture of our countries.

Our countries have centuries long experience in creating national clothes made of cotton, lavishly embroidered with silk, woolen and golden threads. Here you can see a few samples of these clothes of breathtaking beauty.

From time immemorial, our craftsmen have been famous for producing fine examples of art such as glazed pottery, metalwork, and wood carvings. You can marvel at some such items, which are on display here.

Our Exhibition is displayed in two separate venues. One that you see here, the other one is located between the Vienna Café and the Visitors' Shopping Center. We do hope that you will find time to visit each of them this week.

Once again, I thank everyone for coming today. Our hope is that this Exhibition will give you a better idea about the cultural heritage of our beloved countries, in which we take much pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Now allow me to give the floor to Her Excellency Ms. Migiro Asha-Rose, the United Nations Deputy-Secretary-General.